

Nominations for Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards Accepted Through April 7

NEW CASTLE (March 17, 2017) – Nominations for the Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards are being accepted by the State Office of Volunteerism through Friday, April 7. These awards recognize the important contributions that Delaware's youth volunteers, age 17 and younger, make to their communities. Award recipients will be honored at a May ceremony at Polytech Adult Education Conference Center in Woodside.

"Every day Delaware's young volunteers contribute to their communities, making them better places for all of us," Gov. John Carney said. "Through their commitments, these young people are developing what I hope will be a lifetime passion for public service and an understanding that a successful future will be measured by the difference they make in our society."

The awards honor the volunteer efforts of young Delawareans in the areas of arts and culture, community service, education, environment, health, human needs, public service and social justice/advocacy. Volunteer efforts must have been performed during 2016, although prior volunteer activity can be highlighted to show long-term commitment. To be eligible, individuals must have been enrolled as secondary school students for the 2015-2016 academic year and be 17 or younger.

"It is that time of the year, when we get the opportunity to honor and recognize the exceptional contributions in service, by youth, to local communities throughout the state of Delaware," said Luz Vasquez-Guzman, executive director of the

Governor's Commission on Community and Volunteer Service and senior administrator of the State Office of Volunteerism. "The standard is high because many have dedicated countless hours and resources to the causes they are passionate about. We look forward to recognizing and meeting these outstanding young people who have positively impacted their communities."

The youth volunteer nomination form is available on [www.https://volunteer.delaware.gov](https://volunteer.delaware.gov). Nominators may also request a nomination form by emailing april.willey@delaware.gov or by calling (302) 255-9893. Prior to submission, you may email the nomination form to April Willey for review and feedback.

Nominations must be delivered by Friday, April 7, to the State Office of Volunteerism, Attn: Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards, c/o April Willey, Williams State Service Center, 805 River Road, Dover, DE 19901, or emailed to april.willey@delaware.gov.

The Governor's Youth Volunteer Service Awards are sponsored by the Office of the Governor and are coordinated by the State Office of Volunteerism and the Governor's Commission on Community and Volunteer Service.

For more information about the awards or volunteer opportunities, go to [www.https://volunteer.delaware.gov](https://volunteer.delaware.gov), or contact April Willey, Volunteer Service Administrator, at 302-857-5006 or via email at dhss_VolunteerDelaware@delaware.gov.

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